

The Pocahontas Times.

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INTOLERABLE TOLLS.

At the recent session of the legislature the following act defining tollable roads was passed.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: That section 12 of chapter 56 of the Code of West Virginia be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

12. The said tolls may be demanded and collected of every person passing the toll-gate, for the section or fractional part thereof, whether he shall have traveled the whole or only a part of the section or fractional part thereof; Provided, that the said toll-road or turnpike be made so as to conform to the following specifications:

All toll-roads shall have a smooth solid roadbed, of not less than fifteen feet in width, exclusive of ditches, and shall be well side-ditched and drained.

All cross-drains shall be underdrained or ripped up when necessary.

All running streams requiring bridges of fifty feet in length, or less, and such others as the county court of a county may direct, shall have a bridge or culvert across the same sufficiently strong and sufficient wide to insure the safe passage to all kinds of vehicles; Provided, further, that no toll shall be collected unless said toll-road or turnpike be constructed in accordance with this section.

All acts and parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

In this county those roads upon which toll was taken were let to contractors who put the roads up to a certain standard and then collected the tolls. It might be said that no section of five miles came up to the specifications of the above act. The toll contractors appeared at the last court with anxious faces, but the only consolation they received was the advice that they might have some one arrested for refusing to pay toll and see who paid the cost. Having here the ne plus ultra of the court they sadly withdrew to smoke it in their pipes.

Last Saturday toll was demanded on the road from near Buckeye to the Greenbrier line, and was refused by the writer; so we suppose that some are now paying toll and others not. It is hard enough to pay toll to our own county men, but the idea of paying tribute to Greenbrier County is intolerable. The road is in terrible condition for the first ten miles, and the writer resolved last week to do a little "yellow journalism," and refuse to pay toll and make a test case of it. Pocahontas wagoners have paid thousands of dollars toll on the miserable roads stretching between Pocahontas County and Ronceverte. They certainly should have the right to demand the worth of their money.

Last Friday we drove to Greenbrier. After crossing Droop the road down the mountain was rough, steep, and narrow; the cross drains were neither underdrained nor ripped up, which, we are told, means a long curving ditch about twelve feet from side to side with stone pounded in the bottom. A small stream in Renick's Valley was unbridged.

At the first toll-gate we told the toll-gatherer, a little girl, that we would not pay toll, and left the correct name and address. The girl said she was sorry the road was not in a good condition, and seemed very much distressed. Her lip trembled, and we very nearly paid our toll, but hardened our heart and went on.

The road continued in a uniform bad condition to Falling Spring, and we again we refused to pay, but this time we did not escape unscotched. A lady came to take the toll, and when she heard our refusal (which was meant to be firm) she very promptly told me that the justice was in town and the constable and she would have me arrested. This was the thing I had been seeking, but at close quarters the prospect did not look so alluring; but having known several constables, from Joe Buzzard downwards, the magic name did not completely rob me of my self-possession, so I gave my name and told the lady when I would be back. She promised faithfully to have the arrest made, and said some things to me that cut to the bone wherever they hit.

Continuing to Frankford, the road at places was very rough, steep, and narrow; but having had

such an experience, and all the chance of having a test case made, I paid my fare and went.

In Lewisburg, in arming for the fray, it was discovered that nothing was on record in the clerk's office to authorize the contractor, a Mr. Kinkaid, to collect toll; and it was evident that he had made the contract with special commissioners, but it had never been ratified by the court.

Returning to Falling Spring with visions of law and justice before mine eyes, it was found that the lady at the toll-gate wished to argue the matter further and had not proceeded against me. Then we paid toll on the return trip to show that we could be both just and generous, and escaped to Pocahontas. We would not willingly hear that contemptuous "I know you!" with emphasis on every word from anyone again.

It is certain that the road should be in a better condition before tolls are collected, and a good many dollars would be saved the citizens of this county every week if they refused to pay toll on a road that is not worth the money.

The Monroe Watchman endorses the Wayne News in decrying the law passed by the last legislature in regard to the licensing new lawyers in this State. The action of the Supreme Court in constituting the lawyers who hold chairs in the State University an examining board for the State has called forth a vituperative attack on those gentlemen. But why should they not examine candidates for licensing as well as any other three lawyers in the State? The Dean is an ex-member of the Supreme Court, and yet the Wayne News froths at the mouth and calls him a "one-horse lawyer." The late law requires two years' study, at least, before they are admitted to the examining room; and, furthermore, they must go to Morgantown, which Wayne News says is an expensive journey, and therefore the "poor man has no chance!"

We would suggest that the journey to Morgantown is not a circumstance compared to what is required to establish a law practice. It is a thankless job and a superfluous luxury for the poor man. There are few prizes in the profession, and the 'poor young man' had better not apply. If he is a born lawyer then he will be a lawyer. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature" shall be able to keep him from his life's work.

If those journals would like to see a continuation of that era when a man might wrestle with Blackstone for a week and then be admitted to practice the profession as his means did not allow him to make a more thorough preparation to make or break his clients—then we will not contend with them. But all those who would like to see only capable men licensed to the bar will admit that the new law will result in young men learning at school at their own expense that knowledge too often acquired at the expense of their unhappy clients.

If you put fire to flax it will burn; if you put a stone in the water it will sink; if you twist a cat's tail it will squall; if you tackle Sawyer's of the Hinton Independent-Herald he will respond in a perfectly awful way. The newspaper men are talking about "running" him outen his neighbor's neighborhood, he cuts 'em so wif his tongue," as the old darkey says in one of Opie Read's books. He is amusing to all save his own family.

He says: "Pocahontas Andy" is always ready to "buck, kick, and object." We say we are more than ready to buck, kick, and object to him. He says that Professor Reynolds (several times Acting President of the University) has no more chance of election at the next meeting of the Board of Regents than 'Pocahontas Andy' has. That is unjust to us. We have not applied, and our business at present does not permit us to accept the "posish." Some twenty or thirty years from now, when Sawyer's coppers have burned out,—if we have escaped by the skin of our teeth,—we will consider the matter, but just now the polite retirement from public life offered by the seclusion behind college walls does not appeal to us. William L. Wilson seeks sanctuary, but we have done nothing, as yet, to be sent either to the penitentiary or to a professorship in a college. We are not in Dr. Reynolds's way.

THE REASON WHY.

The serious man sat 'neath a tree And talked in a wondrous strain,— said he:

"I love the record-breaking summer time, its drouths and thunder-storms;

I love to see the lightning's glare and other such alarms.

I love to hear the house-fly buzz upon my window-panes.

To watch the house maid's vicious air-dashing out its brains.

I love to see the white duck fiend as he ambles through the town, To hear the cyclist's wild 'hel' he!' as he almost runs you down.

I love to hear the huckster man shrieking o'er the way, And telling of his cherries ripe and the lovely raspberry.

I long to see the people rush a bargain great to drive,

While the weary housewives groan about this being berried alive.

I yearn to hear some vocalist sing all the "latest things";

I love to hear six mad dogs howl when'er the church bell rings.

To hear the cats upon the fence put sleep, shy god, to flight, By shrieking out their college yells at twelve o'clock at night."

"'Tis music rare," I thought, 'could I but stand within your shoes And love the things that give me naught but the heart-breaking blues.' With awe I gazed upon the man so different from our kind, And then I saw the reason why,— he was both deaf and blind.

S. A. P.

In Memoriam.

It becomes our sad duty to record the decease of one of our most eminent, public spirited, and widely-known citizens, DR. MATHEW WALLACE, of Mill Point. This mournful event at his residence Monday near the setting of the sun, July 19, 1897. He was about 76 years of age, and his entire life was mainly passed in Pocahontas County. He was the only son of the late Benjamin Wallace. His mother was a granddaughter of John McNeel, p'o near. In youth and early manhood he lived with his uncle, the late Colonel Paul McNeel. He acquired a good education under the tuition of the Rev. John S. Blain, Williamsville, Bath County, Virginia, and the Rev. M. D. Dandup, of Hillsboro. Both of these good men esteemed him very highly and entertained high opinions of his intellectual endowments, and believed he would become a person of marked prominence in whatever sphere he might spend his life.

He chose the profession of medicine; spent some time in the medical office of Dr. George B. Moffatt, at Huntersville, then graduated from the University of New York. He practiced at Hillsboro and then at Mill Point, where the most of his professional life was spent. He married Miss Rachel McNeel, daughter of the late John McNeel, near Mill Point. Not long since he was bereaved of his wife and his son Penick. His daughters, Minnie and Anna, and sons Mott and Fred, survive him.

He united with the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church many years ago, and became a ruling elder, the highest honor in the gift of his fellow members to confer.

His health has been for three or four years in a very precarious state, largely superinduced by the influenza so prevalent of late years.

When he was borne to his last resting place one was impressed that it rarely falls to the lot of anyone to be more sincerely mourned and honored in death—such were the manifestations of love and grief. As a physician his career vividly recalls what was written by one of the eminent masters of our classic English literature.

In Misery's darkest caverns known His useful care was ever nigh, Where hopeless Anguish poured its groan.

And lonely Woe retired to die, No summons mocked by cold delay, No petty gains disclaimed by pride; The modest wants of every day The toil of every day supplied.

W. T. P.

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Commissioner's Office, Marlinton, W. Va. June 21, 1897.

Alex. W. Rider's Administrator vs. John Rider, et als.

Pursuant to a decree rendered in the above styled cause on the 16th day of June, 1897, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on the 1st day of September, 1897, to take, state, and report the following matters of account, to-wit:

- 1. A settlement of the accounts of J. C. Arbogast, Administrator, or his successor.
2. A statement showing whether or not all of the debts of the said A. W. Rider have been paid, and if not the amounts unpaid and to whom due.
3. A statement showing whether or not there are any monies in the hands of any commissioners or receivers of this court which are assets in this case, with the amount thereof and whence derived.
4. Whether or not all of the lands of the said A. W. Rider have been sold as directed by his will, and if not the location acreage and value thereof.
5. Any other matter, &c. W. A. BRATTON, Commissioner in Chancery.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Commissioner's Office, Marlinton, W. Va. June 21, 1897.

Nora Susan Herold, et als, vs. Wise Herold, et als.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered in the above styled cause at the June Term, 1897, of said court, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on the 1st day of September, 1897, to take state and report to court the following matters of account, to-wit:

- 1. An account showing what debts, if any, against the estate of Washington L. Herold remain unpaid.
2. An account of the liens binding the lands in the bill and proceedings mentioned, whether arising under the will of the said Washington L. Herold, deceased, or the agreement between R. D. and Wise Herold, a copy of which is filed with the original bill marked "B"; or by judgment or otherwise, and showing their respective dates, dignities, and priorities.
3. An account of the lands on which said liens rest, together with the annual and fee simple value thereof.
4. Any other matter, &c. W. A. BRATTON, Commissioner in Chancery.

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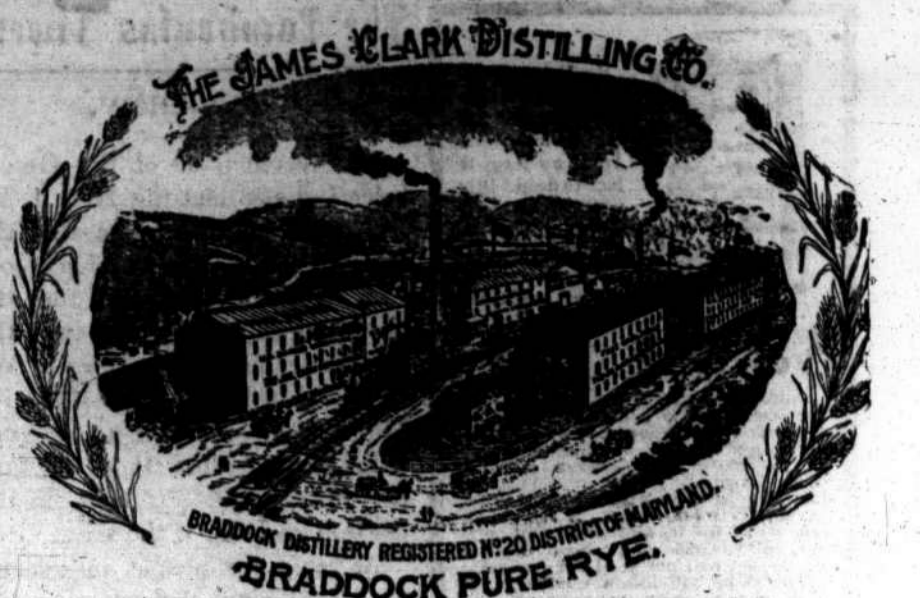
To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate or any part thereof of the Wise Herold:

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of the said Wise Herold to the satisfaction of the liens thereon you are hereby required to present all claims held by you and each of you against the said Wise Herold, which are liens on his real estate or any part thereof, for adjudication to me at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, on the 1st day of September, 1897.

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